



News Release

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The Bureau of Land Management Seeking Wild Horse and Burro Holding Facility in Central Mississippi

Jackson, Miss: The Bureau of Land Management is seeking contractors that meet the requirement of a short term wild horse and burro holding facility within 75 miles of Jackson, Mississippi. The deadline is June 27, 2016.

The location is critical due to the close proximity to the BLM's Southeastern States District Office and assistance from the office staff there. The purpose of the holding facility is to provide adequate pastures, pens, working areas and office space to maintain, sort, treat and adopt horses and burros. An area that can serve as a quarantine or isolation facility is also required. The contract is for a one-year period, with a renewal option for up to four additional years.

To review the solicitation: (1) go to www.fedconnect.net; (2) click on "Search Public Opportunities"; (3) under Search Criteria, select "Reference Number"; (4) put in the solicitation number "L16PS00565"; and (5) click Search" and the solicitation information will appear. The solicitation form describes what to submit and where to send it for consideration.

Applicants who have never conducted business with the Federal government must first obtain a Dun and Bradstreet number at www.dnb.com before registering at www.sam.gov/. There is no fee involved in registering with [sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov).

For assistance, visit www.blm.gov/whb to review the resource page or contact Kemi Ismael, 202-912-7098 (kismael@blm.gov) or Michael Byrd, 202-912-7037 (mbyrd@blm.gov). These contacts can assist with general questions and coordinate a meeting for an applicant with a BLM small business specialist. Contractors may also visit the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) website, which provides assistance to applicants for government contracts. Most assistance is free to little charge.

Under the authority of the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, as amended, the BLM manages and protects wild horses and burros while working to ensure that population

levels are in balance with other public rangeland resources and uses. The current free-roaming population of BLM-managed wild horses and burros is estimated to be 67,027, as of March 1, 2016, which exceeds by more than 40,000 the number determined by the BLM to be the appropriate management level. The BLM is applying population growth-suppression (PGS) measures and is supporting research to improve existing and develop new PGS tools.

For general questions about the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program, please contact 866-468-7826 or wildhorse@blm.gov.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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